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GREEK SYSTEM RECEIVES AWARDS

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's fraternity and sorority system recently received national recognition at the annual Mid-American Interfraternity Council Association (MIFCA)/Mid-American Panhellenic Council Association (MAPCA) Conference held in Chicago.

Eastern's Panhellenic Council received MAPCA's prestigious Sutherland Award for overall programming in campus and community relations, Greek relations and programming, recruitment, academic achievement, council management and overall improvement.

This award distinguishes Eastern's sorority system as the best sorority system in the Midwest in a 16-state, 200-campus region, said Eileen Sullivan, assistant director of student activities/Greek affairs at Eastern.

The Panhellenic Council was also recognized for individual awards for overall programming and council management and an excellence citation for "Critical Issues Week."

Eastern's Interfraternity Council was recognized by MIFCA as the recipient of the coveted Jellison Award for overall programming excellence.

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The Jellison Award recognizes Eastern's fraternity system as the best fraternity system in the Midwest region. The Interfraternity Council received five out of eight individual topical awards for academic achievement, leadership and educational development, community service, risk management and reduction and recruitment and retention.

Eastern's Greek community was judged on established criteria in the areas of self-governance, risk management/reduction, leadership and educational development, campus and community relations, community service, recruitment and retention, academic achievement, council management, Greek relations and programming and overall improvement.

MIFCA/MAPCA is the largest undergraduate run Greek association in the country. At the annual conference, two Eastern students were elected to serve on the MIFCA/MAPCA executive boards for the 1995-96 year.

Michelle Gaddini of Lisle, a member of Sigma Kappa sorority, was elected to serve as MAPCA president, and Jeff Hart of Taylorville, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, was re-elected to serve as MIFCA central area vice-president.

Sullivan said, "The fraternity and sorority system at Eastern has established a tradition of excellence within MIFCA/MAPCA, having been recognized as a premier Greek system within the Midwest five out of the past six years. The incredible leadership found within the Panhellenic and Interfraternity councils cannot be understated. These passionate young leaders listen, learn, challenge and confront

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each other, while remaining open to new ideas."

She added, "The outgoing officers of both councils are to be commended on their dedication and commitment to Greek life. They have implemented new programs while evaluating established ones. I feel an incredible sense of pride when I reflect on all that this system has accomplished over the course of the past five years. I am grateful for having the opportunity to work with visionary leaders who each year, renew their commitment to creating positive change within the campus community."